

REMARKS

Claims in the case are 1-21. Claims 1-21 have been amended herein. No claims have been added, and no claims have been cancelled herein.

The specification has been amended to include section headings. Basis for the Brief Description of the Drawings, introduced between lines 14 and 16 on page 4 of the specification, is found at: page 11, lines 15-17; and page 13, lines 7-9 of the specification.

The title of the specification has been amended to correspond to the related PCT publication, WO 2004/007367 A1.

The present amendment provides the application with an abstract, basis for which is found in the claims and specification.

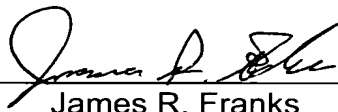
The claims have been amended as to form (e.g., by introducing indefinite and definite articles where appropriate; replacing "as claimed in" with --of--; and introducing gerunds at the beginning of process steps). In addition, the claims have been amended for purposes of improved clarity by rearranging terms, and ensuring that sufficient antecedent basis exists for various terms in the claims. Basis for the amendments to the claims is found in the claims themselves. The amendments to the claims are not deemed to introduce new matter into the case.

Basis for the amendments to Claim 11 are found at page 8, line 17 through page 9, line 14 of the specification.

Claim 21 has been amended read as a composition claim, rather than a non-statutory use-claim. Basis for the amendments to Claim 21 are found at page 13, lines 21-29 of the specification.

The amendments presented herein are not deemed to represent the entry of new matter into the application. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

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